(b) whether the scheme has been launched in every State; and

(c) if so, since when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Reforms have been introduced in the Rural Water Supply sector during the year 1999, with a view to institutionalise community participation in the Rural Water Supply activities in order to ensure sustainability of the systems and sources used for providing drinking water supply in the rural habitations. 63 districts in 26 States have been identified by the State Governments for implementation of the Sector Reform projects on a pilot basis. These are process projects with more emphasis on community development. Under these projects, the community is envisaged to actively participate in planning, sanctioning, partial funding, implementing, operating, maintaining (including repairing and replacing) and managing the water supply schemes of their own choice. As such, more thrust is on awareness creation and capacity building of the community so as to equip them to shoulder the above responsibilities. These projects are at this stage provisionally estimated to cost approximately Rs. 1900 crore.

Proposals for dissemination of information and transfer of technology to rural households

3157. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fifteen rural building centres sanctioned by Government and their functions;

(b) what are the plans of Government for the dissemination of information and transfer of technology to rural households; and

(c) the details of the NGO's involved in the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development has launched a Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.1999 facilitating the setting up of a network of Rural Building Centre (RBCs) through the length and breadth of the rural areas. The primary objectives of the setting up of Rural Building Centres are as follows:—

(i) Technology transfer and information dissemination.

(ii) Skill up-gradation through training.

(iii) Production of cost-effective and environment-friendly building material components/materials.

So far 55 Rural Building Centres have been sanctioned since inception of the Scheme out of which 28 have been sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). List of approved Rural Building Centres is given in the Statement.

Statement

Rural Building Centres List of Approved Projects

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Name of the Districts	Name of the Agencies
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rangareddy	Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Ltd.
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasham	Comprehensive Action for Rural Enlightenment (NGO)
3.	Goa	Goa	Watershed Development Society (NGO)
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	Society for Technology and Development (NGO)
5.	Karnataka	Bangalore	People Trust (NGO)
6.	Kerala	Trissur	Centre of Science for Technology for Rural Development (NGO)
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	MP Awaas Vikas Sansthan (NGO)
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Jhabua	National Centre Human Settlements Environments (NGO)
9.	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram	Voluntary Health Education and Rural Development Society (NGO)
10.	Andhra Pradesh	West Godawari	Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Ltd.

1	2	3	4
11.	Andhra Pradesh	Cuddapah	Multipurpose Social Service Society (NGO)
12.	Assam	Hailakhandi	Purba Hailakhandi Development Council (NGO)
13.	Bihar	Siwan	Rural Development Environment Protection Forestation and Research Organisation (NGO)
14.	Bihar	Madhubani	Shakti Mahila Vikas Swalambi Sahakari Samiti (NGO)
15.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Gujarat Mahila Housing Sewa Trust (NGO)
16.	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	Gujarat Rural Housing Board
17.	Gujarat	Narmada	International Rural Educational and Cultural Association (NGO)
18.	Haryana	Gurgaon	District Rural Development Agency, Gurgaon
19.	Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur	District Rural Development Agency, Bilaspur
20.	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur	District Rural Development Agency, Hamirpur
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	District Rural Development Agency, Kangra
22.	Jammu and Kashmir	Udhampur	District Rural Development Agency, Udhampur
23.	Karnataka	Mandya	Karnataka Rural Building Centre (NGO)
24.	Karnataka	Simoga	Zilla Parishad Taluka Sagar
25.	Karnataka	Uttar Kannada	Zilla Parishad Taluka Karwar
26.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Resettlement of Border Security Forces (NGO)
27.	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	Civil Engineering and Technical Development Centre (NGO)

1	2	3	4
28.	Manipur	Thoubal	CEBTEC (NGO)
29.	Orissa	Jagatsingpur	Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation
30.	Orissa	Kendrapara	Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation
31.	Orissa	Kendrapara	Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation
32.	Orissa	Khurda	Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation
33.	Orissa	Khurda	Orissa Rural Housing Development Corporation
34.	Orissa	Khurda	Mahatama Gandhi Khadi Gramodaya Samiti (NGO)
35.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Indian Institute of Rural Management (NGO)
36.	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Guntur Rural Education Development Society, (NGO)
37.	Andhra Pradesh	Nellore	AP State Housing Corporation Ltd.
38.	Bihar	Gaya	Maksudpur Institute of Research and Education in Natural and Social Sciences (NGO)
39.	Gujarat	Kutch	Gujarat Rural Housing Board
40.	Gujarat	Kutch	Gujarat Rural Housing Board
41.	Gujarat	Kutch	Gujarat Rural Housing Board
42.	Gujarat	Surender Nagar	Gujarat Rural Housing Board
43.	Gujarat	Rajkot	District Rural Development Agency, Rajkot
44.	Gujarat	Kutch	District Rural Development Agency, Kutch
45.	Gujarat	Kutch	District Rural Development Agency, Kutch

1	2	3	4
46.	Gujarat	Surender Nagar	District Rural Development Agency, Surender Nagar
47.	Gujarat	Rajkot	District Rural Development Agency, Rajkot
48.	Gujarat	Jamnagar	Shri Lakhtar Jaistoove Vikas Mandal (NGO)
49.	Gujarat	Kutch	Kutch Mahila Vikas Sansthan (NGO)
50.	Gujarat	Kutch	Kutch Vikas Trust (NGO)
51.	Gujarat	Patan	Shri Vadhihar Niketan (NGO)
52.	Jammu and Kashmir	Ladakh	Ecological Development Group (NGO)
53.	Karnataka	Mysore	Zilla Panchayat, Mysore
54.	Maharashtra	Nasik	Vastu Kala Research Foundation (NGO)
55.	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi	UP Rural Housing Board

Identification of habitations affected by water quality problems

3158. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made to identify the habitations affected by water quality problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the strategies evolved to ensure that these habitations have access to genuine potable water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Water quality survey was made initially during 1991—94. The same was reviewed and revised by the States during 1998-99. Accordingly, as on 1.4.1999 the total number of water quality affected habitations stood at 217211. Details of water quality affected habitations State-wise and quality-wise is given in the Statement (*see* below).